"I'll tell him, and I'm sure he'll lose

"Oh, there is no great hurry. By the

"Yes, my boy is the junior partner.

Pearson is the senior. I was introduced

to him years ago, and he offered Har-

old the opening. Of course we had a

Mrs. Westmacott had stopped, and

"Then it's all off," she cried. "You

They walked on together side by side.

she brooding over some thought of her

own, and he a little crossed and disap-

pointed at her caprice and the lost com-

"I tell you what, admiral," she ex-

claimed suddenly, "if I were you I

should get your boy out of this part-

"Because he is tied to one of the deep-

"Jeremiah Pearson, ma'am? What

"No one in this world knows Jeremiah

Pearson as I know him, admiral. I

warn you because I have a friendly

feeling both for you and for your son.

The man is a rogue and you had best

"But these are only words, ma'am, Do

you tell me that you know him better

than the brokers and jobbers in the

"Man," cried Mrs. Westmacott, "will

you allow that I know him when I tell

you that my maiden name was Ada

Pearson, and that Jeremiah Pearson is

The admiral whistled. "Whew!" cried

"He is a man of iron, admiral—a man

without a heart. I should shock you

if I were to tell you what I have en-

dured from my brother. My father's

wealth was divided equally between us.

His own share he ran through in five

years, and he has tried since then by

every trick of a cunning, low-minded

man, by base cajolery, by legal quib-

bles, by brutal intimidation, to juggle

me out of my share as well. There is

no villainy of which the man is not ca-

pable. Oh, I know my brother, Jere-

miah. I know him and I am prepared

"This is all new to me, ma'am. 'Pon

my word, I hardly know what to say to

it. I thank you for having spoken so

plainly. From what you say, this is a

poor sort of consort for a man to sail

with. Perhaps Harold would do well to

"Well, we shall talk it over. You may

be sure of that. But here we are at

the station, so I will just see you into

your carriage and then home to see

As he trudged homeward, thoughtful

and perplexed, he was surprised to hear

a shout behind him, and to see Harold

"Why, dad," he cried, "I have just

come from town, and the first thing I

saw was your back as you marched

away. But you are such a quick walker

The admiral's smile of pleasure had

broken his stern face into a thousand

wrinkles. "You are early to-day," said

"Yes, I wanted to consult you."

"Oh no, only an inconvenience."

"How much have we in our private

"Pretty fair. Some eight hundred, I

"Oh, half that will be ample. It was

"Well, you see, dad, when he went

away upon this little holiday to Havre

he left me to pay accounts and so on.

He told me that there was enough at

the bank for all claims. I had occasion

on Tuesday to pay away two cheques,

one for £80 and the other for £120, and

here they are returned with a bank no-

tice that we have already overdrawn to

The admiral looked very grave,

What's the meaning of that, then?" he

"Oh, it can easily be set right. You see Pearson invests all the spare cap-

ital and keeps as small a margin as possible in the bank. Still it was too

bad for him to allow me even to run a

risk of having a cheque returned. I

have written to him and demanded his

authority to sell out some stock, and I

have written an explanation to these

people. In the meantime, however, I

the extent of some hundreds."

rather thoughtless of Pearson."

"Nothing wrong?"

"What is it, then?"

"What then?"

account?"

asked.

what my wife says to the matter.'

running down the road after him.

that I had to run to eatch you.'

"Without losing a day."

he. "Now that I think of it, there is a

can you know of him? He bears a good

est, slyest foxes in the whole city of

need not carry out that investment."

"Jeremiah

was standing very stiffly with her red

Indian face even grimmer than usual,

way, I understand from what you said

just now that he has a partner."

"Pearson?" said she.

"Very well, ma'am."

mission for Harold.

"But why, madam?"

no time."

Pearson?"

nership.

London.'

name."

city!

my only brother?"

likeness."

for him.

cut him adrift."

'The same."

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"Guests! Whose guests?" he cried angrily. "What is the meaning of this exhibition?"

"We have been giving a little supper, papa. They were our guests."

"Oh, indeed!" The doctor laughed sarcastically. "You think it right, then, to entertain young bachelors late at pretty stiff premium to pay, night, to smoke and drink with them, to-Oh, that I should ever have lived to blush for my own daughters! Lthank God that your dear mother never saw the day.'

"Dearest papa," cried Clara, throwing her arms about him. "Do not be angry with us. If you understood all, you would see that there is no harm in it." "No harm, miss! Who is the best judge of that?"

'Mrs. Westmacott," suggested. Ida, slyly.

The doctor spring from his chair. "Confound Mrs. Westmacott!" he cried, striking frenziedly into the air with his hands. "Am I to hear of nothing but this woman? Is she to confront me at every turn? I will endure it no longer.' "But it was your wish, papa."

"But I will tell you now what my secand and wiser wish is, and we shall see oif you will obey it as you have the first." "Of course we will, papa."

"Then my wish is that you should forget the odious notions which you have mbibed, that you should dress and act as you used to do, before ever you saw this woman, and that in future you confine your intercourse with her to such civilities as are necessary between neighbors."

"We are to give up Mrs. Westma-20tt?"

"Or give me up."

"Oh, dear dad, how can you say anything so cruel?" cried Ida, burrowing her towsy golden hear into her father's shirt front, while Clara pressed her theek against his whisker. "Of course we shall give her up, if you prefer it."

"Of course we shall, papa." The doctor patted the two caressing heads. "These are my own two girls again," he cried. "It has been my 'ault as much as yours. I have been istray, and you have followed me in ny error. It was only by seeing your nistakes that I have become conscious of my own. Let us set it aside, and neither say nor think anything more about "."

CHAPTER XI

A BLOT FROM THE BLUE.



O BY THE CLEVa erness of the two girls a dark cloud was thinned away and turned into sunshine. Over one of them, alas, another cloud was gathering, which could not be so easfly dispersed. Of these three households which fate

and thrown together, two had already seen united by ties of love. It was lestined, however, that a bond of another sort should connect the Westmatotts with the Hay Denvers.

Between the admiral and the widow t very cordial feeling had existed since he day when the old seaman had hauled lown his flag and changed his opinions; granting to the yachtswoman all that ie had refused to the reformer. His own 'rank and downright nature respected he same qualities in his neighbor, and t friendliness sprang up between them which was more like that which exists between two men, founded upon esteem and a community of tastes.

"By the way, admiral," said Mrs. Westmacott, as they walked together iown to the station, "I understand that his boy of yours in the intervals of paying his devotions to Miss Walker is loing something upon 'change."

"Yes, ma'am and, there is no man of tis age who is doing so well. He's frawing ahead I can tell you, ma'am. Some of those that started with him tre hull down astarn now. He touched als five hundred last year, and beore he's thirty he'll be making the four igures."

The reason I asked is that I have imall investments to make myself from ime to time, and my present broker s a rascal. I should be very glad to lo it through your son."

"It is very kind of you, ma'am. His partner is away on a holiday, and Harold would like to push on a bit and show what he can do. You know the poop isn't big enough to hold the lieulenant when the skipper's on shore." "I suppose he charges the usual half

per cent? "Don't know, I'm sure, ma'am, I'll swear he does what is right and prop-

"That is what I usually pay-ten shilings in the hundred pounds. If you see him before I do, just ask him to get me five thousand in New Zealands. It have had to issue several cheques; so cases of serious injury.

I had better transfer part of our private account to meet them.

"Quite so, my boy. All that's mine is yours. But who do you think this Pearson is? He is Mrs. Westmacott's brother.

"Really. What a singular thing! Well I can see a likeness now that you mention it. They have both the same hard type of face."

"She has been warning me against him-says he is the rankest pirate in London. I hope that it is all right, boy, and that we may not find our selves in broken water."

Harold had turned a little pale as he heard Mrs. Westmacott's opinion of his senior partner. It gave shape and substance to certain vague fears and suspicions of his own which had been man, in fact, and nobody who knows fantastic for belief. "He is a well-known man in the city,

dad," said he.

is what I told her. They would have found him out there if anything had been amiss with him. Bless you, there' nothing so bitter as a family quarrel. Still it is just as well that you have written about this affair, for we may as well have all fair and above board."

But Harold's letter to his partner was crossed by a letter from his partner to Harold. It lay awaiting him upon the breakfast table next morning, and it sent the heart into his mouth as he read it, and caused him to spring up from his chair with a white face and staring eyes.

"My boy! My boy!"

"I am ruined, mother-ruined!" He stood gazing wildly in front of him. while the sheet of paper fluttered down to the carpet. Then he dropped back into the chair, and sank his face into his hands. His mother had her arms round him in an instant, while the admiral with shaking fingers, picked up the letter from the floor and adjusted his

glasses to read it. "My Dear Denver," it ran. "By the time that this reaches you I shall be out of the reach of yourself or of any one else who may desire an interview. You need not search for me, for I assure you that this letter is posted by a friend, and that you will have your trouble in vain if you try to find me. I am sorry to leave you in such a tight place, but one or other of us must be squeezed, and on the whole I prefe: that it should be you. You'll find nothing in the bank, and about £13,000 unaccounted for. I'm not sure that the best thing you can do is not to realize what you can and imitate your senior's example. If you act at once you may get clean away. If not, it's only that you must put up your shutters, but I am afraid that this missing money could hardly be included as an ordinary debt, and of course you are legally responsible for it just as much as I am. Take a friend's advice and get to America. A young man with brains can always do something out there, and you can live down this little mischance. It will be a cheap lesson if it teaches you to take nothing upon trust in business, and to insist upon knowing exactly what your partner is doing, however

senior he may be to you. "Yours faith-JEREMIAH PEARSON." fully. "Great heavens!" groaned the admir al, "he has absconded."

"And left me both a bankrupt and : thief."

"No, no, Harold," sobbed his mother. "All will be right. What matter about

money!" "Money, mother! It is my honor." "The boy is right. It is his honor,

and my honor, for his is mine. This is a sore trouble, mother, when we thought our life's troubles were all behind us. but we will bear it as we have borne others." He held out his stringy hand, and the two old folk sat with bowed grey heads, their fingers intertwined, strong in each other's love and sympathy.

"We were too happy," she sighed. "But it is God's will, mother."

"Yes, John, it is God's will." "And yet it is bitter to bear. I could have lost all, the house, money, rank-I could have borne it. But at my agemy honor-the honor of an admiral of the fleet."

"No honor can be lost, John, where no dishonor has been done. What have you done? What has Harold done?! There is no question of honor."

The old man shook his head, but Harold had already called together his clear practical sense, which for an instant in the presence of this frightful blow had deserted him.

"The mater is right, dad," said he. "It is bad enough, heaven knows, but we must not take too dark a view of it. After all, this insolent letter is in itself evidence that I had nothing to do with the schemes of the base villain who wrote it."

"They may think it prearranged."

"They could not. My whole life cries out against the thought. They could not look me in the face and entertain

"No, boy, not if they have eyes in their heads," cried the admiral, plucking up courage at the sight of the flashing eyes and brave, dellant face. "W have the letter and we have your character. We'll weather it yet between them. It's my fault from the beginning for choosing such a landshark for your consort. God help me, I thought I was finding such an opening for you.'

"Dear dad! How could you possibly know? As he says in his letter, it has given me a lesson. But he was so much older and so much more experienced that it was hard for me to ask to examine his books. But we must waste no time. I must go to the city."

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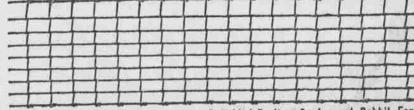
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